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plete solution of the problem of the sources of the Nile,

Captains Grant and Speke had been sent out by the solid rim, is considered indispensable. The dress of the English Government from the S, via Zanzibar, for the purpose of trying to reach the source of the Nile; and they beca inured to wild sports in tropical climates, sailed from the other White Nile tribes, the Latookas extract the four Cairo April 15, 1961, in the hope of accomplishing the same discovery and meeting his adventurous countrymen. In and insert in the hole a stick of polished crystal about Believing that one cause of the failure of previous African | the size of a drawing pencil, keeping it in place by bindexpeditions was the division of counsels which almost in- ing twine about the inner end; this protrudes into the evitably results when the party is a large one, he resolved to proceed alone. But there was one person who insisted upon going with him, and who proved an invaluable ally.

This was his heroic young wife, who shared all his dangers and fatigues, and saved him more than once from ker's lip and jaw after the fashion of the country, and farimminent death, and whose constant presence in the narrative diffuses a soft and romantic air over the scenes of horror and trial through which the traveler conducts us. vermilion. Polygamy is generally practiced. The market Reaching Berber, eight camel's marches from the junction of the White and Blue Niles, Mr. Baker became con- daughters is therefore a source of considerable wealth. vinced that it would be impossible to prosecute his journey without a knowledge of Arabic. He accordingly spent a year and a half in sequiring that language, and in the that word; but they are treated with a certain sort of re-An account of these journeys he promises to give in a ployed as spies, there is a general understanding all

preparatory study and travel, required a careful selection | cause they are so scarce and expensive. of attendants; but the Governor-General of Soudan, to whom he had applied for assistance, would not help him, and Khartoum, the town at the junction of the White and Blue Niles, whence he purposed starting, contained only robbers and cut-throats. These he was finally obliged to accept. An armed escort was necessary, because the tile to all comers. Mr. Baker started from Khartoum December 18, 1862. His party consisted of 96 persons, including 40 sailors, who were to convey him in boats as far as Gondokoro, on the Upper Nile. His only white companion, beside his wife, was a German carpenter, a famous hunter and traveler, who died of consumption two weeks to the south-west. Mrs. Baker was dangerously sick with afterward. He had 21 donkeys, 4 camels, and 4 horses, which he hoped would render him independent of porters, the want of transport being one of the great difficulties in | covered litter. In this way the journey was performed African exploration. The donkeys proved by far the most valuable animals. Both they and the camels, however, suffered severely from a bird about the size of a thrush, which, alighting upon them for the purpose of searching for vermin, ate deep holes in their flesh, and could hardly | tinned sickness, and sometimes scarcity of food, was quite

their difficulties only beginning. Our author was regarded by the traders in slaves and ivery as a spy of the British Government. Whenever he approached their encampments he heard the clanking of chains as the slaves were driven into hiding-places so that he might not see into the interior, and, among other means of impeding him, seize the ringleader, for the purpose of inflicting punishment, the ruffian, he says, "had the impertinence" to

and recognized in one of the two his old friend Speke;

With a heart beating with joy I took off my cap and gave a welcome hurraint as I ran toward him. For the moment he did not recognize me; ten yours' growth of beard and mustache had worked a change; and as I was totally unexpected, my sudden appearance in the center of Africa appearance to him incredicte. I hardly required an introduction to his companion, as we felt already acquainted, and after the transports of this happy meeting we walked together to my diabhiah; my men surrounding us with smoke and noise by keeping up an unremitting fire of musketry the whole way. We were shortly scated on deck under the awning, and such rough fare as could be hastily prepared was set before these two ragged, care-worn specimens of African travel, whom I looked upon with feelings of pride as my own countrymen.

Having received from them a man of their route and an

Having received from them a map of their route and an account of what portions of country remained to be ex- This town, he knew from native reports, was not far from plored, and seen them embark for home at Gondokoro, Mr. Baker renewed his preparations for the start. Another mutiny, with a plot to murder, was discovered by a faithful boy named Sant-the only faithful attendant except an habitual drunkard named Richarn, in the whole party,-and was checked by a little display of pluck and generalship; but the discomfited savages refused to continue the journey. At last, by dint of threats, 17 men were induced to march, purposing, as Mr. Baker well knew, to desert at a more convenient opportunity, and the cavalcade accordingly started for Central Africa March 26, 1863, following a party of traders who had threatened to fire upon them if they came near. But as the lake. "But," said he to Mr. Baker, "you must leave our travelers had neither guide nor interpreter, it was your wife with me!" The immediate display of a renecessary to force themselves upon the traders' company. There was a dangerous pass on the road, through the territory of a warlike people, and Mr. Baker knew that the traders had but to give the word and the natives would there fall upon him. His only hope was in outmarching his unfriendly companions. In this he failed, and the exbrink of destruction, when Mrs. Baker, when stact, enceeded in disarming the hostility of the children and turning him into a serviceable ally. Thus, notwithstand another muting, which Mr. Baker quelled, as usual, of "hashing out, quick as lightly of the children and the muting, which Mr. Baker quelled, as usual, of "hashing out, quick as lightly of the children and the muting, which Mr. Baker quelled, as usual, of "hashing out, quick as lightly of the children and the muting of the last of the children and the muting with the foliated and streams, with thick foliated and through valleys of tall parking and ships and through valleys of tall parking and ships and through valleys of tall parking the hast at a village, and again the night was children and conted with mud from the children and the pedition was apparently on brink of destruction, when Mrs. Baker, wher wome is tact, racceeded in disarmforeheads, large eyes, rather high cheek-bones, well-shaped mouths, and pleasing countenances, their appearance altogether denoting a Galla origin. The women are immensely large and very ugly. The Latookas, though a warlike people, are frank, good-natured and civils. Tarrangolić consists of about 3,000 houses, each surrounded by a little stockaded court-yard, and the whole town encompassed by a pallsade of iron-wood. The dwellings are generally bell-shaped, though some are formed like huge candle-extinguishers, the neatly-thatched roof rising to the hight of 25 feet, and sloping to within two and a half feet of the ground. There are no windows, and the door is so low that entrance has to be effected on all fours. When a manis killed in battle the body is allowed to remain where it falls; but if he dies a natural death he is buried in his own court-yard, and funeral dances are kept up for several weeks. At the end of that time the bones are dag up, cleaned, and deposited in an earthen jar, which foreheads, large eyes, rather high cheek-bones, well-

is placed in a disgusting sort of Golgotha near the town. The weapons of the Latookas comprise a lance, a heavy CHE AUDERT NYANZA. Great Basis of the Number The travels of Captain Spoke resulted in 1862 in the ing. This belinet is nothing less that the soldier's own being the dressing of which requires from 8 to 10 years. mediately as the Nile proper. Captain Speke heard from the natives of the existence of this second source of the mighty to trace the course of the Somerset Nile further north than
the first parallel of north latitude. The discovery of the
second lake, now called the Albert Nyanza, and the comelaborate decorntive bead-work, the richness of which dewere reserved for Mr. Baker, and form the subject of the pends, of course, upon the wealth of the owner. A row of cowrie shells, stitched around the edge so as to form a front like a freemason's apron, and a long tail, made of thermore to dress her hair in the most approved female value of a wife is equivalent to 10 cows: a large family of work, and seem never to be loved in the proper meaning of antime explored the Abyssinian affluents of the Nile. spect even in time of hostilities. Though they are em through this part of Africa that they shall not be killed in To organize his expedition, at the end of this period of war; not for sentimental, but for commercial reasons, be-

Mr. Baker's headquarters were fixed at Tarrangolié for several months. We have no space to follow him in his disputes and diplomacy with the traders upon whom he fa was still obliged to dance attendance; his exciting elephant hunts, in which he seems to have rivaled Gordon slave-traffic had for years existed like a pestilence in the sions into neighboring territories; his descriptions of negro countries, and had so exasperated the tribes that tribes, animal productions, and natural scenery, or his say that there is not a dull page in his book, and that the entire narrative bears an unmistakable air of truth.

provoked the Latookas that a longer stay among them was nearly impossible, started for Obbo, five days' march billious fever, but lit was almost certain death to stay behind, and our author accordingly constructed for her a with safety if not with comfort. At Obbo Mr. Baker, by his medical skill, and his wife by her kindness to the weendurable. The chief, an old inctriate named Katchiba, was a great friend of theirs, but also a great humbug. One perfect hell," "a colony of cut-throats," the party found of the accomplishments to which he laid claim was the

Mr. Baker finally obtained from Ibrahim, the chief of the trading party, a loan of a force of porters and 100 armed men, with whom, in January, 1864, he started for the town of the Unyoor, king Kammai, on the Somerset River-the same chieftain who had been visited by Speke. the Luta N'zig6-the great lake which formed the goal of his wanderings. All his horses and camels, and all but eight of his 21 donkeys, were dead, and he was consequently forced to purchase and train to the saddle three ozen, which he named "Beef," (subsequently, in allusion to his reduced condition, rechristened "Bones"), "Steaks," and "Suet." It would take too long to recount the difficulties which he encountered in the Unyoro country; the deceit and extortion of the King; the details of the desertion of the porters, and the sickness of both the English travelers. Kamrasi at last volver, and an outburst of timely indignation from the lady herself, convinced the savage that he had asked a little too much. "Don't make a fuss about it," said he; "if you don't like it, there's an end of it, I will never mention it again." They had hardly got under way when Mrs. Baker had a son-stroke. Itiwas impossible to halt, for there was no fe d to be had where they then were:

nitered behind me. Suddenly and had aware bedside, , and with a heart overflowing I went to her bedside. con were fall of madness! She spoke, but the brain was

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On the 14th of March the great lake was reached. The day broke beantifully clear, and having crossed a deep railey between the hills, we toiled up the opesite slope. I burried to the sammit. The glory of our prize tarst saudenly upon me! There, like a sea of quicksliver, lay far beneath the grand expanse of water, —a boundless sea horizon on the south and south-west, glittering in the noon-day ear; and on the west at fifty or skirly makes distance blue mountains rose from the brosom of the lake to a highly of about 7 (N) feet shore it.

of Africa, and thought how vaining mankind has congist these sources throughout so many ages, and reflected that I had been the humble instrument permitted to unraw this portion of the great mystery when so many greater that I had failed. I feld too serious to vent my feelings in vain cheers for victory, and I sincerely thanked God for having guided and supported as through all dangers to the good end. I was alous I,500 feet above the lake, and I looked down from the steep granite oliff upon those welcome waters—upon that rare reservoir which nourished Egypt and brought fertility where all was wilderness—upon that rare at sources so long hiddlen from mankind, that source of bounty and of blessings to millions of human beings; and as one of the greatest objects in nature, I determined to holor it with a great name. As an important a display with any arganised gene and deployed by every Englishman, I called this great lake "the Albert Nyatza." The Victoria and the Albert Lake, and bounded on the west and south-west by great mages of mountains from five to seven thousand feet above the level of its waters—that it was the one great reservoir into which everything maid rails into this verything maid from the vest and south-west by great mages of mountains from five to seven thousand feet above the level of its waters—that it was the one great reservoir into which everything maid from the victoria and the Albert lake and the surface of the sur

power to make rain.

One day, hearing a great roise of voices and blowing of thorns in the direction of Katchiba's reald-nce. I sent to inquire the cause. The thit chief bimself appeared, very anary and earlies. He said that his people were very bad, that they had been making a great noise and finding fault with him because he had not supplied them with a few showers, as they wanted to sow their crop of tuliaboon. There had been no rain for about a firstnight.

Well, "I replied, "you are the raismaker, why don't you give your people rain?" Give any people rain? said Katchiba. "I give them rain if they don't give me goars? You den't know my people; if I am fool enough to give them rain before they give me the coars. It is to be an all that I require, not one drop of rain shall ever fail again in Obbo! Impadent brates are my people: Do you know, they have pesitively threatened to kill me unless I bring the rain? They shand have a drop, I will writher the crops, and bring a plague upon their flocks. I'll iteach these rescals to manit me!"

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ment, the ruilian, he says, "had the impertinence" to attack him:

To stop his blow, and to kneek him into the middle of the crowd, was not difficult and after a rapid rejection of the does. I disable this, and sering his by the brink in dam't had a crowd of mon upon me to recease their leader. How the after would have ended I cannot say, but as the scene hay within ten rards of my boat, my wife who was ill with forer in the cabin where the middle of the crowd, who at that time were endeavoring to resease the mention of the state of

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